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TITLE.:- MANX CUSTOM.

Picture.:- The Isle of Man is an independent country, and the ceremony of promulgating the laws is now the only one of its kind in the world. During the procession to the ceremonial hill, the sword bearer carries the 13th century sword of state, preceding the lieutenant governor.

The Deemster and the Archdeacon of Man proclaim the new laws passed --

--during the previous session. This is --

--done in Manx and English. Originally --

--the ceremony continued as the Tynwald Supreme Court, where the Lord of the Island presided and sentenced malefactors to death, transportation, or other punishment.

Sir Hall Caine is a distinguished spectator.

The island officials now return to sign the laws at St. John's Church -- and all this in a country which doesn't charge income tax.